



# HOLLISTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## PRESS RELEASE

### Police Alert Residents to Suspicious Activity

HOLLISTER, CALIFORNIA – *February 2, 2010* – The Hollister Police Department is alerting residents and parents in the area of Marguerite Maze Middle School of reports of suspicious activity.

The first incident was reported to police on January 25, 2010. Four students at Maze Middle School reported that three days earlier (Friday, January 22) they were walking home from school in the area of Meridian Street and Memorial Drive when they saw a car appear to be following them. As they crossed the street, the lone male driving the car asked if the girls needed a ride. The girls ignored the man and kept walking as he drove away. They later saw the same car drive by them on Meridian Street, this time with two passengers. The driver was described as an overweight white male, with dirty blond hair and green eyes. He was wearing a brown shirt. The car was described as a tan or gold Mercury.

The second incident was reported to police on February 1, 2010. As in the first incident, a female student at Maze Middle School reported that she had been followed on her way home three days earlier (Friday, January 29). The girl reported seeing a car following slowly behind her. She went to her residence in the area of Loma Vista and Valley View Roads. After a short time, she then went to a relative's home nearby and reported what had happened. A person from that house went to the girl's house and saw a man attempting to enter the girl's house through an interior garage door. When the man noticed that he was being observed, he ran from the house and entered the passenger side of a vehicle. The vehicle then drove away. The man was described only as a male wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, sunglasses and black pants. The hood on the sweatshirt was raised. The vehicle was described as a black and tan Toyota SUV.

Both incidents were reported days after they occurred and highlight the need for immediate reporting. Parents are urged to go over safety procedures with their children and are encouraged, when possible to walk with their children to and from school.

Anyone with information regarding these incidents is requested to contact School Beat Officer Carlos Rodriguez at 636-4330. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call **WeTIP** at **(800) 78-CRIME**.

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